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Perkin-Elmer Corporation  
Norwalk, Connecticut

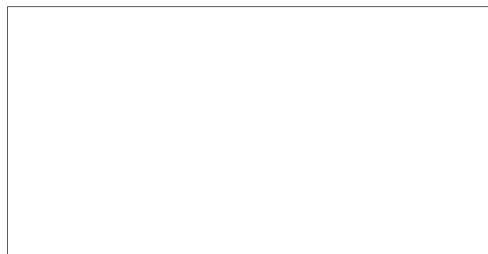
Gentlemen:

This letter signifies my intention to place a firm order with you, pursuant to which you will develop, manufacture, and deliver to me certain items of equipment as discussed between us during the past several months and as tentatively described in an accompanying memorandum which further sets forth roughly the agreement between us with respect to the design, quantity, approximate cost and time of delivery of such equipment.

Pending our final agreement as to the exact terms of the definitive order, which definitive order will supersede, in all respects, this preliminary letter of agreement, I hereby authorize you to proceed expeditiously and promptly with fulfillment of the order. You are authorized to purchase the necessary materials, to employ any additional personnel required, to obtain any additional facilities required, and to make any necessary extended commitments in connection with fulfillment of this order, all expenditures in connection therewith to be included in the final price of the order in accordance with good commercial accounting practices. Time is of the essence in delivery of this order and all reasonable measures you can take to expedite delivery will have my approval with respect to additional costs involved.

This instant authorization is for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00. This amount may be increased in the event of my delay in placing the firm order with you. Such increase will be by my personal authorization to you in writing in the form of a supplement to this letter. The firm order will, of course, stipulate a final price or pricing arrangement mutually agreeable to both of us, and will be subject to the acceptance by me of the final details of design and estimated time of delivery of the equipment.

The instant authorization includes, in addition to the aforementioned types of expenditures and commitments authorized herein, any proper and necessary expenditure or commitment made prior to the date of this letter, provided, that any such expenditure or commitment was made specifically in connection with preparations for performance of this order or was made in the actual performance of this order pursuant to our informal understandings preceding this letter.



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This authorization will expire sixty (60) days from date of this letter, unless I authorize an extension thereof, or unless sooner superseded by my firm order.

I reserve the right to cancel this authorization at any time prior to its completion date. If so cancelled, I agree to reimburse you in a fair and reasonable amount, taking into consideration your actual expenditures under this tentative order to date of cancellation, your outstanding commitments as of the cancellation date which may run beyond the cancellation date, plus a fair and reasonable profit.

Please acknowledge your receipt and acceptance of this letter and its contents by signing this letter, thus signifying your agreement to proceed with the order on the basis stated herein.

Very truly yours

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*Acknowledged and accepted January 5<sup>th</sup> 1955  
The Perkins - Elmer Corp.*

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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[Redacted]  
General Counsel

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Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*  
Director of Central Intelligence

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